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Clinic eviction process flawed: report

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

An external review of the Highlands East decision to evict medical staff from the clinic during a closed meeting found that council failed to comply with correct procedure around closed sessions and that much of the discussion did not need to be made in closed session.

"Council, in this case, failed to inform the public of the nature of a substantial part of the in camera discussions," Amberley Gavel Ltd. wrote in its report.

Amberley Gavel investigated the closed session in response to a citizen complaint about the September 23 meeting.

Because council was discussing taking back the clinic from leaseholders, the firm found that the closed session was appropriate, but that it was essential that council inform the public of why they chose to have the discussion in private.

"As well, it is the opinion of Amberley Gavel that much of the closed session discussion and debate relating to the 'rationalization' of municipal buildings could have taken place in open session," the report said.

After a lot of negative feedback from the public about its decision, council allowed the doctors and medical staff to continue using the clinic.

"This is a public document and a lot of the items they talked about that we do, a lot of municipalities do the same thing," said clerk Irene Cook.

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Smile if you like to drum

Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3 student Cullen Johnson is all smiles as he taps away on one of dozens of drums brought to the school by local drummer Barry Hayward for a morning of drumming. For more photos see page 17.

Tractor battery suspect in fire

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

A faulty tractor battery is the suspected cause of a fire that destroyed the home of Mike Real at 1027 Fallenleaf Trail on Little Redstone Lake on January 28.

Dysart et al fire chief Myles Maughan received the call at approximately 7:30 p.m. and subsequently 13 firefighters from the

department were on scene.

While it isn't completely confirmed at this point, Maughan said it is possible that a charging tractor battery inside the small two-storey home faulted and caused the fire and an estimated \$200,000 in damages.

No one was inside the residence at the time of the fire and no one was hurt. It is believed that Real did have insurance.

High school teacher runs for NDP nomination

A local teacher and West Guilford resident is seeking nomination by the NDP party to run in the upcoming provincial byelection for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Stephen Woof, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and vice-president of the local district of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, will try for the candidacy against other area activists.

"We are the only party that has actually conducted a thorough local candidate search and the result of our effort is this impressive field of three candidates with strong community ties," said NDP provincial secretary Dennis Young.

The move ends speculation that the NDP would not run a candidate in the riding.

The Liberals have chosen Rick Johnson to run, the Greens have picked Mike Schreiner and the Reform party will be choosing its candidate mid-March.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has not set a date for the byelection. The election was sparked when MPP Laurie Scott resigned her seat to allow PC leader John Tory to run for a seat. He has been aggressively campaigning around the riding for weeks.

Running against Woof for the NDP candidacy are Lynne Boldt and Lyn Edwards.

Boldt is the chair of the voices of Central Ontario and the Ontario Deamalgamation Network. Boldt has lived in Victoria County for 20 years and ran for mayor of Kawartha Lakes in 2006.

Edwards is the president of CUPE local 855, representing municipal workers at the City of Kawartha Lakes. Edwards works in the city's emergency services department and lives in Oakwood.

The nomination meeting will take place February 15 at the Lindsay Inn. Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton will be the guest speaker.

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Hockey tournament for a cause

This weekend's Scotty Morrison hockey tournament to raise money for Community Care won't only be fun for players. There are lots of ways for local sports enthusiasts to get involved.

"Cup Stories"

Friday, February 6: 7 - 10 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch
Cost: By donation

An evening of amazing stories about the Stanley Cup told by Phil Pritchard, Keeper of the Cup for the Hockey Hall of Fame. Other special guests will be there to share their stories of the Cup too. There will be an opportunity for the public to have their photos taken with the Stanley Cup for a small fee.

Special Exhibition Game

Saturday, February 7: 7 - 9 p.m.
S.G Nesbitt Arena, Minden
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A fun game between the World Champion, Canadian National Amputee Team and the OPP, refereed by Ray Scapinello, Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee 2008.

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BASIC BOOKKEEPING - Dennis Casey

Wednesday February 11th, 2009 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
A 3 hr. overview for sole proprietors/partners covering Statement of Business Activity - Form T2124 & T2032, calculations for automobile & house expenses and capital cost allowance.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED - Jim Blake

Friday February 13th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$10. + GST, Arts Council Members FREE.
For anyone who is self-employed with specific information for artists.

MAKING DIGITAL IMAGES WORK FOR YOU - GETTING STARTED - Tammy Rea

Tuesday February 17th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
Learn how to use basic photo editing software, retrieve images from your camera, file formats, storage and preparing images for print documents and email. Students are required to supply their own images. Limited space.

WEBSITE PLANNING & EVALUATION - Mark Coles

Tuesday February 24th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$25.
Understanding the principles behind creating an effective and successful web presence in the marketplace.

BUSINESS PLANNING FOR WOMEN - Fay Martin

Thursday February 26th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
This workshop will validate the particular strengths and values that women bring to business by taking a holistic approach to the challenge of meeting financial targets while accommodating life circumstances.

GETTING MEDIA ATTENTION - David Israelson of Media Profile

Friday February 27th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
David will walk you through the tools, techniques and trade secrets to get your story in the news. Workbook included.

QUICK BOOKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS - Robert Hall, CMA

Tuesday March 3rd, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$20.
A 3 hour overview of this popular accounting software program.

ONLINE PROMOTION & SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION (SEO) - Mark Coles

Thursday March 5th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$25.
SEO, is a strategy to enhance the marketing of your website to attain the most visibility online.

MANAGING FOR TOUGH TIMES - Lon Duncombe

Fleming College, Haliburton. Fee: \$30. each or 3 for \$75.
Monday March 9th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - ANALYSING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Wednesday March 11th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - PROFIT & LOSS VS. CASH FLOW
Thursday March 12th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - MANAGING FOR CASH
This 3 part workshop will include Analyzing Financial Statements, Budgeting (profit vs cash flow), Managing for Cash (what to chop, what to keep).

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES - INTERMEDIATE - Tammy Rea

Tuesday March 10th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
This workshop will cover putting digital images into Powerpoint presentations and web applications, using software for photo editing and more.

MARKETING DYNAMICS - Mike Jaycock

Tuesday March 31st, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$30.
A "roll up your sleeves" seminar to provide you with a planning process that will work for your business communications. Bring your along your "burning" communication issue for discussion.

WORKING WITH DIGITAL IMAGES - ADVANCE - Tammy Rea

Tuesday April 7th, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Fleming College, Haliburton - Computer Lab. Fee: \$35. + GST, Arts Council Members \$20. + GST.
Creating videos from still images, putting videos into Powerpoint presentations, creating streaming videos for websites and photo manipulation.

PST/GST - Reps. from Federal & Provincial Governments

Wednesday April 15th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Free
How to complete your forms, understand the differences between PST & GST, Clarify your responsibilities for collecting and remitting tax credits and overpayments, answer your questions.

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE - Carey McMaster

Thursday April 30th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
The most important relationship your company has is the one between your customers and staff. Anything you can do to strengthen that relationship will benefit your business.

MANAGING YOUR STAFF AND/OR VOLUNTEERS - Fay Martin

Thursday May 7th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
This workshop will focus on clear communication as the basis of good work relationships. It will look at job descriptions, job interviews, job performance evaluations and feedback as a way of identifying and correcting employment problems.

MANAGING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE - Dr. Jack Russel

Monday May 11th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
Managing personal stress will improve workplace performance. This workshop will focus on learning how to manage stress and develop strategies to overcome it.

OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION - Dr. Jack Russel

Wednesday May 13th, 2009 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club (Lower Level). Fee: \$20.
Identifying procrastination behaviors and developing strategies to implement better time management.



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Byelection blips and blunders

The *Globe and Mail's* Jane Taber reported this weekend that PC candidate John Tory was campaigning in the riding when his car's GPS led him astray.

Apparently heading to Lindsay to meet the Buckhorn Quilters, his GPS told him to turn onto a road that "looked a bit like a snowmobile track."

Tory got stuck and had to leave his car and hike two kilometres back to the highway. He was met by a friend and arrived a little late to the meeting.

The war of the press releases

February 2, PC release: PC Leader calls on McGuinty to step up, finally deliver MRI machine for Ross Memorial Hospital

"Under Dalton McGuinty's leadership, residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock aren't getting the level of health care services or the fairness they deserve, Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Leader John Tory today said.

February 2, Liberal counter-release: John Tory's negativity and questionable judgement won't get the job done: Tory clear on cuts, short on solutions

"John Tory brings negativity and questionable judgment, but apart for cutting almost \$3 billion from health care, is short on real solutions," says Paul Hough, president of the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal Association.

"People here are looking for answers, for solutions to their problems, not more negativity. Rick Johnson is the local candidate who understands the issues in this riding and can get the job done."

Closed session reforms suggested

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The report gave practical solutions for how council could be more open and better document its closed session dealings. "Obliqueness breeds suspicion. Directness provides greater confidence," the report said.

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Peeling 911 signs cause some grief this winter

Residents asked to call county for replacements

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

A bad batch of 911 signs is causing a small number of people around the county some grief this winter.

The white vinyl numbers on this group of signs have started peeling, causing some to worry about what would happen if an ambulance had to find them.

"If it's an emergency they wouldn't find your number," said a woman who did not wish to be named.

She said that on her four-digit sign two numbers are peeling and the other two have already fallen off.

She has tried taping the numbers, but the tape won't stick either.

County 911 clerk Cathy Howe said that this problem affects about 25 people a year, usually in January and February.

The county isn't sure why the numbers don't stick in this particular batch, but it seems the cold weather and the snow thrown against the signs by passing plows starts the peeling.

"We dealt with a different [sign] company prior to our current supplier and it seems that that is where these signs are coming from," Howe said.

"We don't even necessarily feel that it was that supplier ... but possibly a batch that was supplied to our company that we dealt with that wasn't quite up to standards," she said.

The supplier is replacing all defective signs free of charge, all residents need to do is call the county. When signs deteriorate it's a safety concern and "it's important that people call us," Howe said.

If possible, residents should post a temporary 911 sign using medical tape, if it will stick, or by making one of their own until the new ones come in.

Call 705-286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815 to report a defective sign to the county.



Wendy Evenden-Loney is in the homestretch of her first hand-made violin, while her teacher Bethany Houghton has carved both a cello and a violin. The viola is next.

Musicians carve their own tune

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It's a slow, precise art involving hours of sanding, shaving, measuring and re-shaving, but for Bethany Houghton and Wendy Evenden-Loney, it's love.

Houghton and Evenden-Loney describe themselves as being like running partners, but instead of encouraging each other on the track, they push each other to carve their stringed instruments faster.

"There's something magic about it," Evenden-Loney said. She has her violin in four parts – the neck, the front panel, the back panel and the exterior rim. Each piece is marked with pencil markings specifying the precise thickness the wood should be. She's been working on it for two and a half years.

"It's like your kid," Houghton replies. "You finally have this finished thing that's making this gorgeous sound."

Houghton has already completed her

violin, and her cello, too. She now wants to make a viola. Her first attempt, the cello, took her a year and a half. She started the summer after high school and worked all summer on it.

"You want to get it as thin as possible without compromising the structure," Houghton said.

If the walls of the instrument are too thin they will crack in cold temperatures, but the thinner the walls are, the better the sound.

In fact, a homemade violin can sound much better than a store-bought starter instrument, she said.

Houghton teaches cello, viola and violin and met Evenden-Loney when she signed up for Houghton's lessons. They've also both taken the instrument-making Haliburton School of the Arts summer course with Phil Davis and this year Houghton will be assisting with the course as well as teaching the beginner and intermediate music courses.

Houghton came from Toronto, initially cottaging here, and then moved permanently three years ago when she found teaching music more lucrative in the Highlands. She was teaching about nine students in Toronto, but once she moved here she quickly acquired 26.

"Everyone's looking for something like music to keep them busy in the winter [in Haliburton]," she said.

She credits Evenden-Loney with five of her musical recruits.

As they carve their instruments the pair share information and discuss problems they are having. Houghton's created templates for the viola that she'll pass on to Evenden-Loney once she's done.

"I feel a bit like Geppetto," Evenden-Loney says of Pinocchio's creator, except "everyone expects [woodcarvers] to be old crotchety men."

She said she plans to put the final touches on her violin this summer in Davis's class and to be fiddling ever after.

Secondary school teachers reach four-year deal

Teachers in Trillium Lakelands DSB secondary schools have reached a deal that both parties agree focuses on the needs of students.

The agreement, reached after several weeks' of bargaining, meets the terms of the agreement reached provincially in

December, and ensures three per cent increases in salary over each of the next four years.

"This agreement ensures that staffing in our secondary schools will focus on student achievement and ensure success of all students, especially those at risk," said Human Resources Administrator, and chief negotiator for the Board, Earl Manners.

The deal expands the complement of teachers focused primarily on student success initiatives, Manners said.

Members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, District 15, and the Trillium Lakeland DSB Board of Trustees ratified the agreement this week.

Jack Jones, provincial vice president of OSSTF, agreed the deal works for students.

"Our members are satisfied with the agreement."

"It complies with the framework negotiation between the government and OSSTF."

"I think the deal is good news for the members and the students," he said.

The round of bargaining, done in a joint fashion between the teacher and occasional teacher locals, also merges two agreements into one, affecting approximately 600 employees.

4,800 new high-speed connections in 2009

Province, county partnership with Bell Aliant to rapidly expand broadband network

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

As of June this year, 4,802 homes will have broadband Internet where dial-up used to be the only connection to websites, email and much of the outside world.

At the Haliburton County Development Corporation's information session at Delta Pinestone Resort Friday, a representative from Bell Aliant outlined his company's plans to continue stretching the "fibre backbone" of the county.

Simon Chapelle said governments have only started realizing that Internet service is infrastructure and it's one of the most important tools a community can have to develop. When politicians go door-to-door meeting their constituents, priorities have changed, he said.

"It's not 'why don't I have a family doctor,' it's 'why don't I have high-speed,'" Chapelle said. Because of the \$1-million from the Ontario government announced for this area in the fall, Bell Aliant along with the County of Haliburton have been able to plan to expand into many of the smaller villages previously excluded from

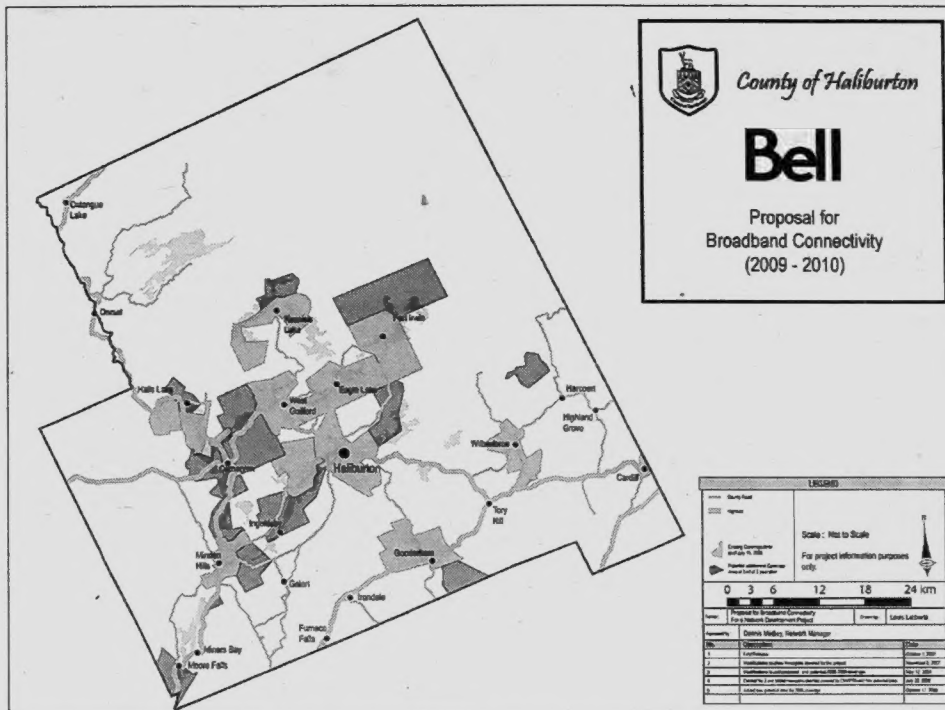
service.

In a preliminary plan for the area shown at the meeting, the areas of Halls Lake, Carnarvon, Highways 118 and 35, North Shore Road, Bat and South Lake will be connected in the west, while Harcourt Park, Tamarac Lake, Little Kennisis Lake, Percy Lake and Drag Lake are planned in the east.

Bell Aliant has an outreach strategy planned to get people up and running once the lines are laid. At this point, they cannot say who will and who won't be connected, but Chapelle said that will come soon. There are public information sessions in the works as well as potential instructional sessions for those who need help setting up high-speed once it comes.

County treasurer Laura Janke praised Bell Aliant for all of its work in the county, but cautioned that there will be people who can't get broadband for many more years to come. Janke said the county is looking into other options like wireless for those people.

Bell Aliant is also planning connection hubs around the county where people can "park your car or boat and go online."



Above, a slide from Bell Aliant's presentation Friday. The darker areas are the proposed high-speed expansion. The lighter portions are what is already done. The white space is where dial-up customers will continue to wait for further expansion.

Wait for trucks irks councillors

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Highlands East fire department is still waiting for the two trucks it ordered in the summer.

Some councillors found the extensive wait – one of the trucks was promised for August 31, both were supposed to be delivered by December 31 – unacceptable.

"We're getting led down the garden path. We got the money to pay for them,

right? We should be talking to [the dealer] about something along the line that we're not paying full price," said Councillor Gary Stoughton.

"If they couldn't get them done in time they should have come to us instead of hiding under cover and saying two weeks, two weeks, two weeks," said Deputy-revee Jim Mackie.

Council is writing a letter to the company to officially complain about the long wait.



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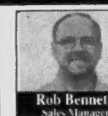
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Fenelon illustrator rocks the alphabet

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

What's big and hard and covers almost half of Canada? The Canadian Shield of course, and from February 13 to March 7 at the Rails End Gallery you can learn the ABCs of *The Canadian Shield Alphabet* at the gallery's latest exhibition.

Fenelon Falls artist RoseMarie Condon, the illustrator of 26 oil paintings that appear in new children's book, *The Canadian Shield Alphabet*, will be at the gallery on February 14 from 5-7 p.m. to officially open the exhibition during what is expected to be a busy Family Day weekend in Haliburton County.

Condon invites you to visit the gallery with your children because she thinks you'll like what you see.

"I think that they will relate to it, I think they'll have fun with it, and I think they'll learn something from it," said Condon.

Also on display will be some of Condon's oil paintings inspired by her adventures into the Canadian wilderness.

"You really need to see the book to understand the reason for doing this show," she said.

The Toronto-born and -educated Condon heard of the gallery from her sister-in-law, Haliburton resident and real estate agent, Lee Gauthier.

Condon's life-long journey in art began at the age of five, when she knew she wanted to be an artist. She remembers her parents getting American newspapers on the weekend that featured spectacular *Rotogravure* (an image printing process) section.

"That really was what triggered me to become an artist," she said. "And that's all that has driven me for all these years. I love to express myself."

Having studied art in high school, her interest eventually took her career through the gamut: from art illustrations in Toronto and Vancouver to paintings at regional art shows to expeditions into the Arctic.

Condon has also illustrated stickers for the Okee Dokee sticker company and had illustrations in display windows at The Bay's flagship store in downtown Toronto.

Working with children in mind is fun for Condon because working for children is most often fantasy, so she gets to be a child herself creating things that have never existed before.

Another driving force behind her work is to get the creative juices of children flowing.

"I would like to inspire children to express themselves artistically as I was inspired when I was a kid," she said.

It's a small part of her big message.

"It can be exciting and full of fun and positive energy to express yourself in art and I would like them to understand, as much as I can, about the Canadian Shield, the beauty of Canada, and the fragility of our ecosystem," she said.

Today Condon is doing less illustration for children and more painting, so with a changed focus, the opportunity to do *The Canadian Shield Alphabet* came as a bit of a surprise.

Condon was contacted on her website by the book's author, Saskatchewan-based Myna Guymer. The entire book was cre-



Fenelon Falls artist RoseMarie Condon is the illustrator of *The Canadian Shield Alphabet* and from February 13 to March 7, you can see the 26 oil paintings Condon created for the book up close and personal at the Rails End Gallery.

ated digitally (the two have never met face-to-face) by telephone and through email.

The Canadian Shield Alphabet is aimed at children from kindergarten to Grade 6, but is fun for anyone interested in nature, adventure and a little Canadiana. For more

information visit www.railsendgallery.com or call the gallery at 705-457-2330. The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. And visit Condon's website www.rosemariecondon.com.



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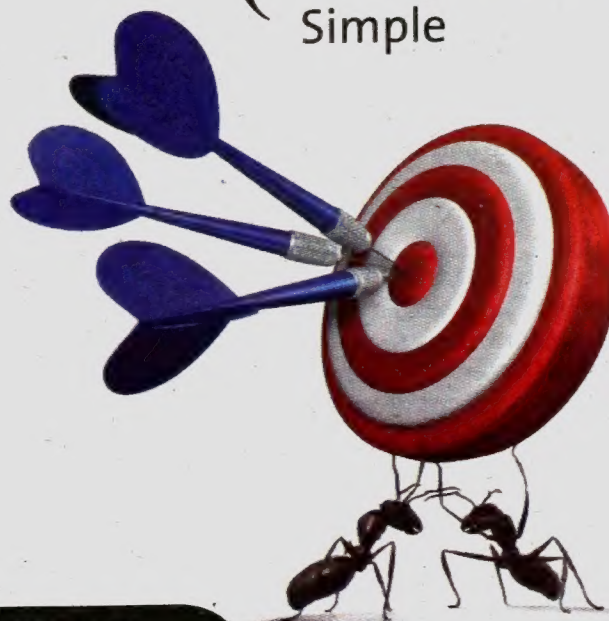
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You had to be there

ELECTION HOPEFULS looking for insight on the county should have been at Delta Pinestone Resort Friday afternoon.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation held a day-long information session on the important issues of the area – particularly those issues tied to successful development and growth.

There was little attention paid to the woes of the area as speakers presented on the opportunities available if we roll up our sleeves and secure a bit of money.

All of the components – high-speed Internet, e-health technology, labour demographics, tourism and environmental leadership – revolved around the concept of a “creative economy.”

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come from a “creative class” of people who will take the economy to its next level.

Dan Taylor, the economic development officer of Prince Edward County, described how his area developed into a rural creative economy that attracts city dwellers looking for organic tomatoes, fine bed and breakfasts, local wines and cheeses.

The implication was that this could happen here too with some forward thinking.

This is where the politicians come in.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, County Warden Dave Burton and Minden Hills Councillor Bill Obee were all there, but none of those would-be MPPs or MP Barry Devolin, for that matter.

It's a shame, because they could play a big role in getting a lot of the proposed projects moving.

John Patterson of Cranberry Lake gave a stirring presentation on a big-idea concept of Abbey Gardens – an environmental tourist destination that would spark a countywide environmental movement.

Patterson detailed a dream he has to create a centre of ecology, where classes could be taught, a 100-mile diet could be served, greenhouses could produce food, housing could be self-sustaining and there could be outdoor concerts.

“We have no idea where we'd put this yet, but it's a big county,” Patterson said.

He's got the idea, but he needs the momentum and the people-power to make it happen. He referenced the U.K.-based Eden Project that functions as a large-scale tourist centre for those looking for environmental inspiration.

Could Haliburton County become an enviro-hub for Ontario?

It certainly could be. If all of the dreams presented at the HCDL conference could be orchestrated at once, the Haliburton County economy would be booming. There would be high-speed Internet for burgeoning businesses, e-health technology to update our hospitals and a steady stream of tourists coming to experience the beauty and nature of the Highlands.

It would be a good dream to campaign on. Too bad the candidates weren't there.



Nice huts

Photo by Matt James

CESOP and NHI will be coordinated with RESOP – Really

ASK A SILLY QUESTION and the above is the kind of answer one can expect from the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) web pages.

My question was more or less “how are we doing vis-a-vis moving into the 21st century in the green power creation area?” The answer is more or less buried in a stream of acronyms as per the above. I was, at first, fairly impressed by the sound of the efforts of the OPA. Using plain English, they proudly asserted that this was the most advanced program to be undertaken in North America in the past two decades. I thought, Yay Ontario ... until I discovered that there had not been any programs anywhere in North America in the past two decades. Took a bit of the gleam off. However, I was determined to find out what the upshot of the OPA's program was. So I continued through the myriad of capital letters that interrupted every sentence like high hurdles at a track meet.

“The OPA is limiting the amounts of RES in order to allow for smaller EP's to sell their CES to the RFEI.” Which, when all is said and done, means that they are putting limits on the amounts of green-sourced, clean energy that can be produced by one entity by keeping the price too low for many green energy producers. This is just another way of saying, we will keep a lid on the amount of clean energy that you folks out there will produce, because we still have nukes and coal and gas to make use of. Which makes me think that maybe they aren't totally serious about progressing into the future too quickly. Say, as quickly as the Europeans,

led by (who else) Germany.

Germans tend to do things right when they do them, without worrying about politics and hidden agendas and lobbyists and interests that are more mercenary than ecological. Germany is already halfway to their goal of decreasing carbon emissions by 40 per cent, by 2020. And they've turned their system into a huge job-creating operation. Which makes me wonder why we continue to spend huge amounts on nuclear facilities, instead of putting that money into developing our grid to take more and more green energy. Isn't the idea here to eliminate nukes and carbon from the equation as quickly as we can? I decided that I'd better move over to the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page to see if I could glean a little more insight.

Question Number 1: A contract was awarded for Northern York Region Power Plant. Hey, good question. Umm. Wait a minute, that's not a question. That's more like an answer. I guess we have to figure out what the question was, like Jeopardy. I assume we must answer in the form of a question. Okay, I'll play. What was awarded for Northern York Region?

All right, let's move on. A quick look at a chart shows us that while we will be much greener by the year 2025, we still seem to have nukes in the mix. And gas. Hmm.

Well, it's a start. Ontario is definitely making an effort to move into the future with green power albeit in a very Ontario-ish sort of way. No rocking of boats. Do it in our own good time. Steady as she goes. Let's not get ahead of ourselves.



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Feeling cold

LAST WEEK, I lost an old friend. She wasn't much to look at. She was sort of big and blocky in fact. But we've been through a lot together and I know that on the inside she was beautiful.

More than that, she was there for me through the good times and bad. Whenever I approached her, which was often, she would greet me in the same way, with a quiet look that was not judgmental. And then, she would open up and provide comfort that I could never find anywhere else.

Lord, I'm going to miss that old fridge.

If it were up to me, I would have let her live out the rest of her life here. Sure, her seals were worn out and she made a lot of noise at night, but you could say the same thing about anybody that age.

Unfortunately, my wife didn't see it that way. I think she was jealous.

tales from



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Even though I told her time and time again, that our relationship was purely platonic, she never really did like that fridge. I guess she could sense that we had something that exceeded the bounds of normal human-appliance relationships. Something very special, I suppose. And so I was forced to replace her with a newer model.

She's not gone yet actually. But she might as well be.

Now she sits in my office by the front door waiting for the Hydro pick-up crew that's been called.

Making that call was the hardest thing I've ever done.

I'm not very good with phones.

Oh sure, we now share the same office space like I always dreamed about, but it now seems forced. I turn and smile at her on occasion, but we both know that whatever we had was over. I know that if I looked inside of her now, I'd see nothing but a dark empty shell.

But what good times we had.

There were those midnight forays where it was just she and I and a well-cooled slab of pumpkin pie. There were hundreds of secret snacktime rendezvous where we shared a drink or two and a slab of leftover pizza.

Oh, she was a temptress, that one. You couldn't walk by her without wanting to spend a bit of time there.

We both knew that this thing we had couldn't last forever; we knew that these frequent secret visits were wrong. But I couldn't help myself. I was drawn to her.

And now, just like that, she's out of my life.

The worst part is I betrayed her.

It all began when I put money down on the hunting rifle of my dreams. I knew it was too easy.

My wife, for the first time ever, supported my decision to purchase a new hunting toy, especially since I was able to squirrel a little money aside and pay a bit here and a bit there, rather than in one big chunk.

It seemed life was moving along just fine. I had a new hunting rifle on the horizon and a cherished fridge in the kitchen - it was all any man could ever hope for. That's when my wife sprung her trap.

"I've just got one more small payment to make and then I can pick up that rifle," I said one morning over coffee.

"Don't even think of bringing that rifle home until we get a new fridge," she said - right in front of it too.

"No!" I yelled. "You wouldn't make me choose would you? That old fridge and I have a history. We've been together through thick and thin."

"We need a new one," she said with a hint of menace.

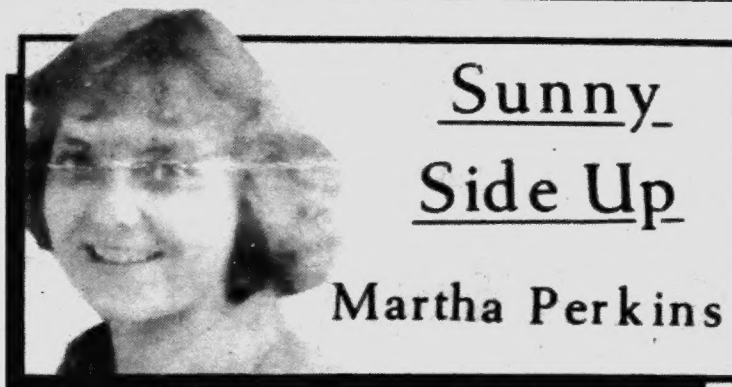
"But I have principles. I have loyalty. I will not abandon her!"

"I think we need a new one more than you need a new rifle."

Thirty minutes later, the new fridge was bought and paid for, the new rifle was on its way, and the long process of grieving began.

I think I could have lived with my loss too. But she sits by the door in my office, even now, waiting for that last long ride. Every now and then, she leaves a puddle on the floor too.

It's pathetic and kind of sad. And when I visit the new fridge, I feel cold inside.



Sunny
Side Up
Martha Perkins

SUNNY SIDE UP



Martha
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When the cat's away, the mice will play. These mice, while nesting in the *Echo* archives found some tasty pictures of their resident cat, while she was on vacation.

From the top, Martha Perkins in 1986, 1988 and 1990.

We think the cat will never leave the office again.

letters to the editor

Is a byelection the answer?

Letter to the editor:

A great deal of public interest and media focus has surrounded the pros and cons of Laurie Scott, our P.C. candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for resigning her elected position. This was done to provide a riding for John Tory, leader of the Progressive Conservative party in Ontario.

At election time my ballot was not the deciding one, but helped, along with thousands of others to prove Laurie as a trusted representative of our riding. Likewise, I trust Laurie's judgment in her decision to be good, not only for the party but for the constituents she represents.

My big question is: are byelections the solution or necessary? Apparently with this being legislative procedure, it happens many times at a large

cost to the riding. I know it is difficult to allow or break into legislative structure but I have chosen to try.

When a leader of any party is democratically chosen, he or she would immediately resign his or her riding. The party would then repeat the political process in the vacated riding to elect a replacement or choose the second runner up to represent them.

This both in Provincial and Federal jurisdictions would permit the party leader to circulate the province or nation to meet the people and gain a greater sense of the diversified needs in a diverse nation. Have I solved a problem or stirred up the pot? Your thoughts?

Ken Sanderson
Wilberforce

Where was economic foresight?

To the Editor:

Three months ago, Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not even realize that the country was on the brink of a Canada-wide disaster. I guess he was never taught how to recognize a recession when getting his economics degree. Now he has abandoned his conservative mantle and is throwing money at everything that moves, hoping that some of it might make a positive difference.

If economics is supposedly Harper's strength, then how can we have any confidence in his other characteristics? The only strength that he has consistently exhibited is the ability to gain power and hang onto it - at any cost.

Enter Michael Ignatieff. When he usurped the

leadership of the Liberal party a few months ago, many Canadians were hoping for an Obama-like figure to lead that sagging party. Unfortunately, what we got was a mini-Harper.

Iggy's strengths certainly do not include good judgment, clarity of purpose, foreign policy or fiscal responsibility. Like Harper, he also does not believe in honour commitments made by his party. Unlike Harper, he does not want the reigns of power - even when it is presented to him on a silver platter. So much for leadership.

The coalition is dead. Long live the coalition (Conservative/Liberal). Heaven help Canada.

Dennis Choptiany
Markham and Koshlong Lake



The Highlands Summer Festival has found its Annie and its orphans for this summer's production. Clockwise from top, Charlotte Paton, Emma Paul, Kathleen Tedford, Michelle Bailey, Hannah Klose and Betty Paton.

Annie has been found

Highlands Summer Festival has chosen the young actress to fill the lead role in its musical production of Annie.

After lengthy consideration the directors chose 12-year-old Michelle Bailey for the part. Her strong stage presence, acting, singing and dancing skills all contributed to the decision.

"Her extensive stage experience, even at such a young age, was obvious in her presentation," said director Scot Denton. "She showed us a confidence that a demanding role like this requires."

Michelle is the daughter of Nancy and Ken Bailey of Midhurst. The family has cottaged for generations on Little Boshkung Lake near Carnarvon.

There were more than 20 young girls who acted, sang and danced their hearts out in the auditions for the role of Annie. Denton and music director Melissa Stephens said it was a difficult process to weigh all the talents and enthusiasm presented to them January 17 and 18 at

the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Some of the other young actors have been given roles as orphans. The characters play an important part in helping to set the scene, both at the orphanage and later at the home of Daddy Warbucks. They also share a great deal of singing and dancing responsibilities with the lead. Among those cast as orphans are: Hannah Klose, 10, Annie McBrien, 9, Betty Paton, 9, Charlotte Paton, 6, Emma Paul, 13, and Kathleen Tedford, 13. All are from the Haliburton area except for Annie McBrien, a Toronto-area resident.

Annie opens the Highlands Summer Festival 2009 season on June 29 for 10 performances. For more information about the season, visit: www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA.

The production is also looking for a sand-coloured dog to play Sandy. Call Betty Mills at 457-1354 for more information.



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Zach Boice, on the ground entangled in the hula hoop, does his part while teammates Devon Upton, left, and Tyler Barry, tied together by one leg, run the next leg of the race.

On your mark, get set, go!

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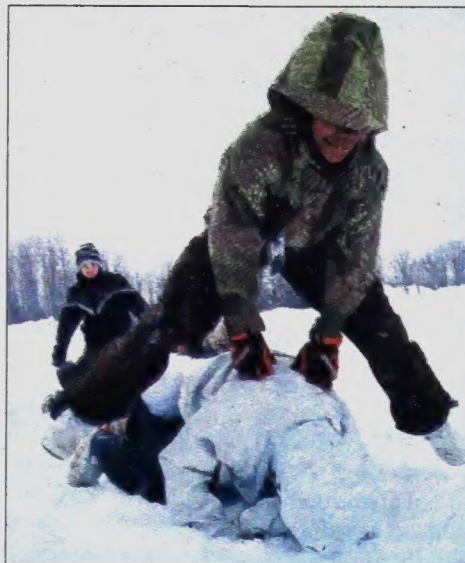
Staff Reporter

Getting outside in the winter has never been so fun for students of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The students held their annual Winter Olympics on January 26 on a cold and snowy day and the schoolyard competition was

fierce.

One student from each grade (4-8) made up the nine teams that participated. It was a quest for gold, bragging rights, schoolyard supremacy and of course fun and physical activity.

The students endured a creative obstacle course with leapfrog, a rubber chicken throw and the obstacle course staple, dizzy bat.



Joseph Patrick leapfrogs over a teammate with Jake Bull in tow.



From left to right are the Mad Bashers, Christen Adams, Sam Miller, Brigitta Hicks, Charlene Hicks, and Rebecca Kidd.

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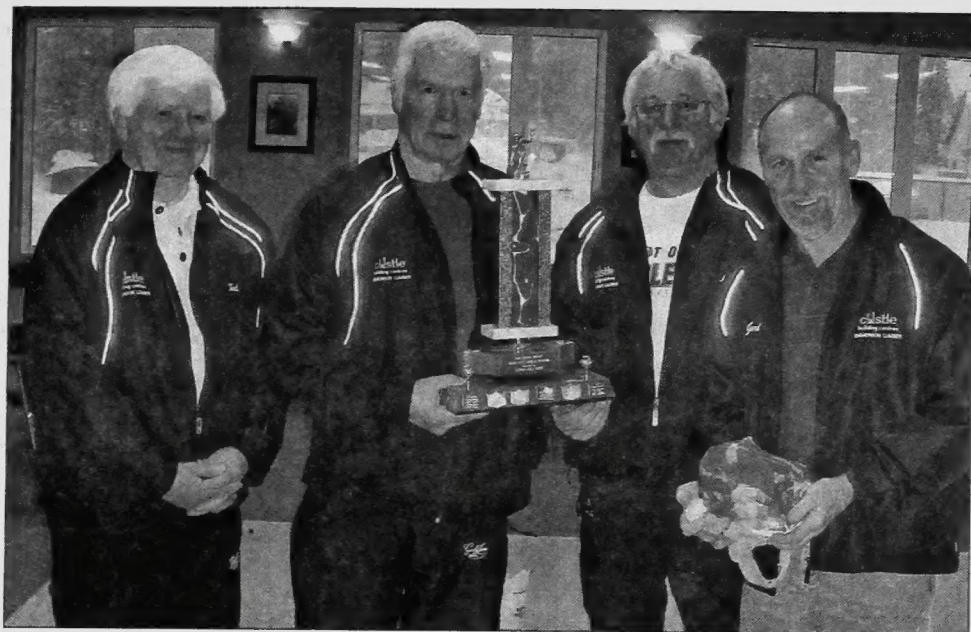
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1st Place, from Minden, skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Mike Clewlow, lead Gord MacLean, stand with the Tom Stinson trophy.



3rd Place, Haliburton skip Ed Pickard, vice Gary Thorpe, second Bill Vermeersch, lead Garry Bradshaw.

3 teams sweep the Tom Stinson bonspiel

PETER MONTGOMERY

Special to the Echo

The 26th annual Tom Stinson Invitational Bonspiel was held at the Haliburton Curling Club on January 28.

Eight teams participated from Minden, Bancroft, Lindsay and Haliburton.

The winning teams were presented with meat prizes from Todd's Independent (which explains the appearance of a prime

rib roast in 1st place picture).

An excellent meal was catered by Janet Tice of Kozy Korner.

The ice was in outstanding condition, thanks to John Watson, icemaker.

Peter Montgomery, the bonspiel organizer, thanks the many volunteers in the clubhouse, on the ice, and in the kitchen, for another successful event.

Photos were submitted by Peter Montgomery.



2nd Place, from Bancroft skip Frank Hicks, vice John Worotney, second Mike Dearborn, lead Art Work.



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Individuals interested in this voluntary service role are invited to contact:

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Board of Governors
Ross Memorial Hospital
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Approximately \$3,000 was raised for housing projects in the area during the Haliburton Home Builders' hockey tournament in Haliburton on January 22, 23, 24. Above: The Haliburton Whiskeycock beat the team from Eccelstone Cycle 8-0 in a game on January 23 and would go on to win the women's division in the tournament.

Request for Public Opinion on the Proposed Nursing Home Annual Licence Renewal of

Extendicare Haliburton, Haliburton

In accordance with the *Nursing Homes Act*, public opinion is being requested prior to a final decision being made on the above.

If you have comments or opinions and wish to bring them to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, you may submit them by **March 9, 2009** to:

Director under the Nursing Homes Act
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Performance Improvement and Compliance Branch
Licensing, Education and Appeals
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Toronto, Ontario M4V 2Y7
Phone: 416-327-7345 Fax: 416-327-7763

Please include the name of the nursing home and quote Project #247-09 on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.



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Sounding off a little better

Local community groups are helping Canoe FM sound better than ever as the volunteer radio station recently acquired a new soundboard.

On January 31 members of the Haliburton and Wilberforce Legion and the Haliburton and District Lions Club combined for a donation of \$1,500. Fundraising for the new unit is coming along with \$3,575 raised; the Legion donating \$1,000 and the Lions Club and Wilberforce Legion donating \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Station coordinator Roxanne Casey, employees and staff say the new equipment is much easier to use and has a much more professional sound.

At Canoe FM Joan Cameron sits at the new soundboard and from left to right is Roxanne Casey, Karla Watson (Haliburton Legion), Paul Espie (Lions), Bruce Renning (Wilberforce Legion), Linda MacBurnie (Canoe FM office volunteer) and Canoe FM sales manager Dave Allen.

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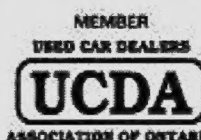
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From left to right is Canadian Federation of University Women co-president Sybil Roodenburg, SIRCH representative Sandra Daoust, SIRCH social marketer Nancy Brownberger, and CFUW co-president Lindy Smith.

Photo by Matt James

SIRCH gets another boost

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's community services and consulting agency has \$500 more to help families in the county thanks to a donation from the Haliburton Highlands branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

SIRCH's social marketer Nancy Brownberger accepted the money from CFUW co-presidents Lindy Smith and Sybil Roodenburg.

"It's so great to have this boost," said executive director Gena Robertson.

The money will go towards the four initiatives with the SIRCH Healthy Children Program:

1. Healthy Meals for Community Action Programs for Children (CAPC) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Programs (CPNP) – once a week a local health unit volunteer and dietitian teach groups how to purchase and prepare healthy, low-cost snacks and meals.

2. Community Snacks – held every two weeks at the Adult Learning Centre. SIRCH volunteers make and freeze meals made available to CAPC and CPNP families or other low-income families. Private donors provide the food.

3. Healthy Lunch Box – Foodland customers can buy lunch boxes for local children as they're cashing out at the grocery store at a cost of \$4.99.

4. Chef of the Month – a local chef is asked to make up a nutritious menu designed to feed two adults and two children on just \$6.50 a day, the amount of money a low-income family has to spend on food after regular expenses. The meal is presented once a month at Foodland.

The SIRCH Healthy Children's Program was created to help children living in poverty, and to help low-income families get access to nutritious food.



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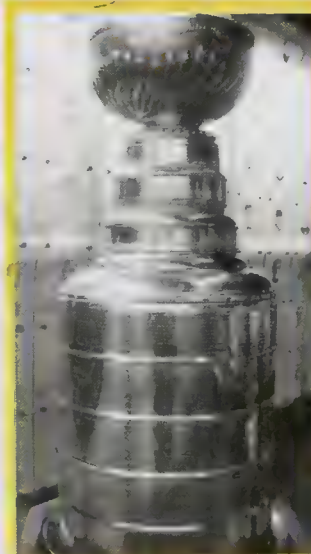
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Feeder visitor

Darlene Sharp snapped this picture of a frequent visitor to her birdfeeder near Haliburton. The barred owl isn't bothering the other birds which eat freely while he is there. The squirrel on the other hand has kept a low profile. She hopes the owl is cleaning up on the mouse population.

For the **eleventh** year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorated trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

The HHHS Foundation will use the proceeds to invest in the technology for diagnostic imaging in both our facilities.

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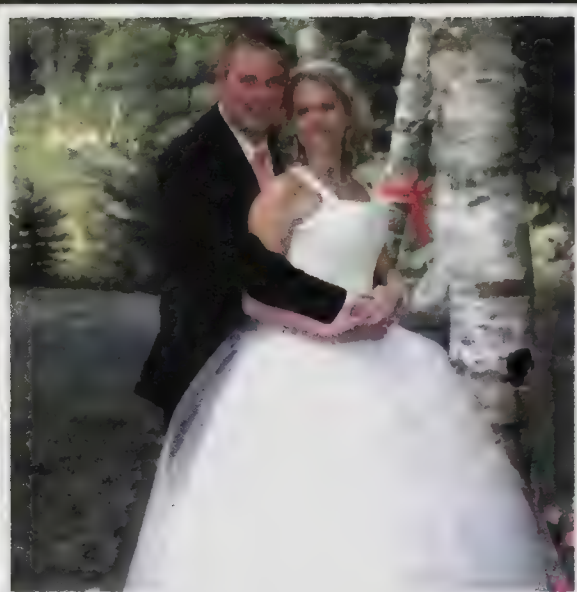
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Another hockey tie to Haliburton County

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Over the years Haliburton County and hockey have had several ties: West Guilford's Ron Stackhouse and Bernie Nicholls, Haliburton business owners Walt McKechnie, Glen Sharpley, retired NHL referee Scotty Morrison and young hotshots Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene. And last week another hockey tie to the area was made with Redstone Lake cottager and OHL Barrie Colts scoring sensation Alex Hutchings.

Hutchings has been exposed to the serene surroundings of Haliburton County ever since he was born, beginning at his grandfather's cottage on Fortesque Lake, southwest of Gooderham. At the age of eight his parents, Karen and Kent, bought property on Redstone Lake where the family has been happily cottaging ever since.

Karen is a teacher so she'd spend the entire summer at the cottage with Alex and his older sister Sarah, who is currently attending Dalhousie University in Halifax. They were joined every Friday night by Kent who would drive up from their home in Burlington after working the week at

the eye care products company, Alcon.

"I liked it," says Alex of his lengthy summers on Redstone. "I had a buddy on Kennisis [Lake], so we'd go dirt biking and boating and do all that stuff."

Jumping off rugged ridges into the warm waters of Redstone was atop the fun list. Other notables were campfires under the stars, winter excursions to Sir Sam's, wings at McKecks Place, trips to Sharpley's for water toys, and a Haliburton Rotary Carnival here and there.

"There was always something to do," he said.

Some things never change.

Also during those summer stints Alex participated in Haliburton Hockey Haven, where he was also an instructor with fellow OHLer and Haliburtonian Matt Duchene.

He even spent part of a summer working out with Duchene and Cody Hodgson at Millennium Fitness in Haliburton.

But Hutchings's extended summers came to an end at the age 14 when dreams of the NHL began to dominate the teen's thoughts. His dad started lacing up his skates for him when Alex was four. Alex noticed his skills improving after a couple years with the Burlington City Rep Hockey Club.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Redstone Lake cottager Alex Hutchings, who played in the recent CHL/NHL Top Prospects game in Oshawa, is seeing plenty of success with the OHL Barrie Colts. He leads the team in scoring, loves his cottage, and really loves hockey.

"My first big year was when I was in Grade 4 or 5," says the 18-year-old. "I practised my shot a lot on the drive and just really started to take it a little more seriously."

Since then he's been able to elevate his game, taking it to the next level year after year. Alex credits his coaches along the

way in part for his success, in particular his city rep coach Murray Clark.

"He just went out and did it his own way," says Alex.

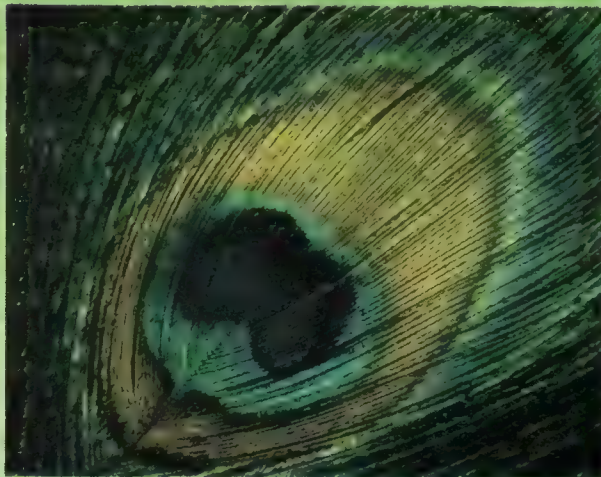
At the age of 15, his underage year for OHL eligibility, Alex was selected in the

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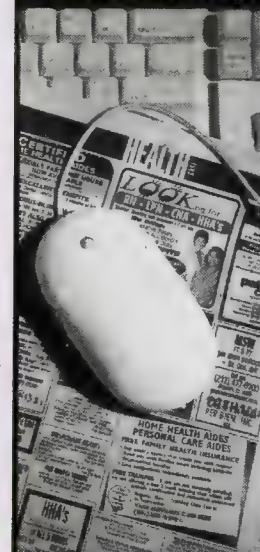
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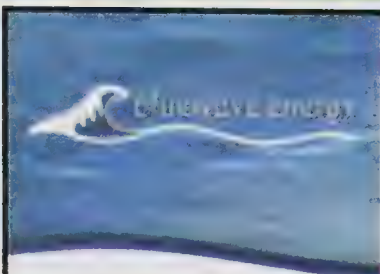
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Hutchings size may work in his favour

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second round (32nd overall) of the 2006 OHL Priority Selection Draft by the Barrie Colts; in 2009 he's NHL eligible and has been getting noticed by NHL Central Scouting.

Prior to the Top Prospects game in Oshawa on January 14, NHL Central Scouting ranked Hutchings 22nd among OHL skaters and 48th among North American skaters.

And one way to get noticed by NHL scouts is by one's size, which Hutchings lacks at 5-foot-10-inches, 180 lbs. While he's hardly small, he's under-sized compared to the majority of his OHL counterparts and the NHL height and weight average of 6' 1", 210 pounds.

And in a game of inches ... well, you get the idea.

But throughout his young hockey career, Alex has flat out refused to see his build as a hindrance. In fact, he believes his size

may even work to his advantage.

"There are a lot of smaller guys out there that are very successful," said Hutchings. "The new rules in the NHL actually help me out a ton."

Today's game is more about speed and skill and less about clutch, grab and brute strength. Alex is still developing and maturing; with a strict training regiment his goal is to reach 190-195 lbs.

"It's good to gain weight," he says, "but you don't want to get a second slower."

Another way a player can get the attention of NHL scouts is to improve in each year he's fortunate enough to play in the OHL, which Hutchings has done emphatically.

These are his stats over the past four years:

2005-06 with Burlington: 70 games, 65 goals, 35 assists, 100 points

2006-07 with Barrie Colts: 30 games, 1 goal, 4 assists, 5 points

2007-08 with Barrie Colts: 68 games, 29

goals, 25 assists, 54 points

2008-09*: Barrie Colts: 49 games, 26 goals, 25 assists, 51 points

*Updated as of Monday, February 2, 7 p.m.

The transition from lighting up the scoreboard in Burlington to playing only 30 games with the Colts wasn't an easy one.

"It was definitely hard," says Alex. "But at the same time it was a bad time to come to the OHL because our team was really low [in the standings]."

There was plenty of competition for ice time and he was benched a lot because he was one of the smaller and younger rookies.

When battling for a spot on the team at the start of the 2007-08 season, Alex made the most of his ice time. "After the first 15 games I started to prove myself and went from the fourth line to the first line [that year]."

It was then that Colts head coach Marty

Williamson starting trusting him more and putting him on the penalty kill.

"It was good to get out there and prove my way up," he said.

Today Alex is on the Colts top line and on the first unit of both the power play and penalty kill. He's also the team's assistant captain.

All of his experiences have shaped Hutchings into the player he is today and in June he'll be taking the trip that every hockey player dreams of - to the NHL's Entry Draft.

In June he'll head to Montreal with friends and foes from the CHL where he has no expectations as to where he might be selected.

"It will be nice to go as high as I can and I'm going to work as hard as I can to do that," said Alex. "It will be an awesome experience."

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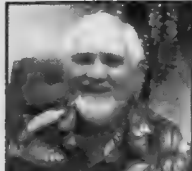
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On January 27, SBES Grade 3 students were treated to a cultural music experience as Hayward brought his collections of drums and shakers to the school.

"This is going to be an interesting experience," said Jordan LaPierre, one of three students who volunteered to

help Hayward set up.

But Hayward didn't just let the kids make noise with the drums, he taught them about rhythm and timing and how to play together.

They also learned about congos from Cuba, of Bodhrán drums from Africa, that drums are often made from whatever materials are available, and why and how the drums have different sounds and pitches.

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Riley Giles, left, and Madeline Hopkins play away.

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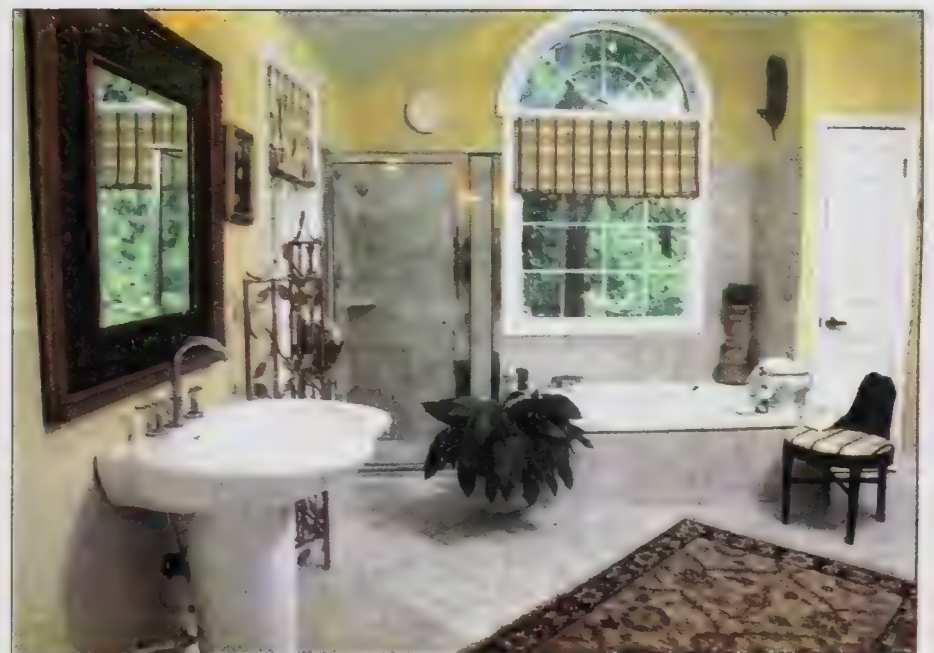


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The woodchuck likely blinked its eyes as it emerged into the sunshine and saw its shadow and headed back to its den for another six weeks of winter.

Shadow or no shadow, spring will come sooner or later. Sunshine and clear blue skies for even a day or two surely lift the spirits. And the shovels can stay inside, unlifted, warming their handles. Snowmobilers are certainly enjoying the snowy trails and many are thankfully making pit stops here for food and fuel. Happy trails to them.

The village will be buzzing this coming weekend. Women will be curling up a storm at the Wilberforce club on Friday night and Saturday. We understand playoffs are on for minor hockey with games at the arena.

The Reverend Faun Harriman will be leading her last service at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Sunday, February 8. She will be moving to a parish in Burnaby, British Columbia. A farewell gathering will take place on Saturday, February 7 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. There will be an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a pot-luck supper. All are welcome.

The first Wilberforce public input meeting about declining enrolment at the Wilberforce and Cardiff schools is next week.

On Wednesday, February 11 at 6 p.m. the Trilium Lakelands District School Board's Program and Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) will hear the presentations from individuals and groups.

They are looking for ideas about how the School Board can manage the declining enrolment issue. There will be a question period following the presentations.

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Best wishes for improved health goes out to all who are ailing including Keith Tallman who is still in hospital in Peterborough.

Hicks family grew last month

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Eleanor Cooper
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Congratulations to Terry and Wendy Hicks on the birth of their newest grandchild, Dashiell James Wilson, son of their daughter Amy and her husband Jamie Wilson of Toronto, born on January 27, 2009 at Mount Sinai Hospital. He's a brother for 6-year-old Madeline.

Congratulations to Highland Storm Pee Wee A team who played at Haliburton on January 30 and won over Campbellford 7-4. Next game was at Campbellford on February 1 with another win: 4-1. The young players on this A team from Guilford are Jacob Sisson, Taylor Barry, Tom Paul and Devon Upton. Just one more game to go for the best three out of five games.

Euchre scores on January 27 at the centre were Kay Morrison and Bill Geddis with high scores. Low scorers were Iris Freeman and Fred Crewson and Colleen and Cliff Davison had most lone hands.

Some of you will recall a former HHSS student, Taly Williams, now a design engineer and living in Los Angeles. I was so pleased to receive his phone call last week, having kept in touch sporadically since his graduation from both high school and university. One of his designs is The Taly Mindset: a golfer's aid, called new talynt point. He's received hundreds of requests from golfers over the last few years. Always good to hear success stories of former students from this area.

Sunday afternoon at the centre was the time and place for a baby shower for Kristina Houghton. About 40 friends and family gathered for the happy occasion. Peggy and Everette Pouw have been home for three weeks from their northern home in Norman Wells, N.W.T.

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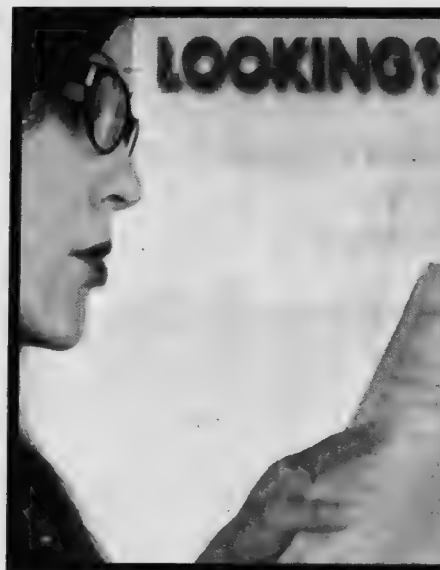


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TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society will take place on **Monday, February 9, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion located in the high school. Memberships will be available at the door. For further information, contact the theatre manager, 457-1235.



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Coming Events

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Saturday, February 7, 2009
4-6 p.m.

at Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce



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• February 4: First Steps – A 5 week learning series designed to provide the public with general information about dementia, and Haliburton County resources – Register now! February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, 2009. Ruth Parkes Room, Haliburton Highlands Hospital. Call Carol Browne at 455-9220 ext. 502

• February 5: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery – Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.

• February 5: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce – From 9:30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

• February 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.

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• February 7: Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 Annual Lake Trout Derby – Details are available at the Branch, call 448-2221. Cost is \$12 per person

• February 8: Lochlin Community Centre is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner – Adults \$10, Children under 12 yrs \$6, and children under 4 eat for free. Please call Marlene at 286-3948 to reserve your table for either the 4:30 or 5:45 setting. Bring your friends and neighbors. All proceeds support the Lochlin Community Centre.

• February 11: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Doors will open at 6pm for group business and chat. The speaker at 7 pm will be Ellie MacNeil-Burroughs who will be making a presentation on the information she uncovered as she researched her family roots. Everyone welcome. No charge. Refreshments available. Bring & Win table. For more information call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

• February 12: Guided Meditation continues at the Rails End Gallery – Facilitated by Ryan Dawson every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, admission is by donation. Positive visualizations to quiet the mind, calm the body and stir the spirit.

• February 14: Kinmount Winterfest – Festivities begin with a pancake breakfast from 8-11am at Kinmount Community Centre. Fun filled events and activities begin at Kinmount Arena at 11am. Celebrations wind up back at Kinmount Community Centre with a Valentine's dance featuring J.L. Avis and the Barn Burners from 9pm-1am. Tickets for this age of majority event cost \$10.

• February 15: Annual Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby at Miskwabi Lake – Kids Fish FREE for more information call the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Hatchery 457-9664.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

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Guided by God's loving hand,
He has gone upon a journey
To a distant, brighter land.
And although our hearts are heavy
With sorrow we still bear,
It helps to bring us comfort,
Knowing he is happy there.

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Obituaries

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Clement, Dorothy Joan (nee McIndless)

Passed away suddenly at Sunny Crest Nursing Home on January 27, 2009 in her 84th year. Joan, loving wife of Ken Clement for 63 years. Predeceased by her parents Florence (nee Stone) and Milton McIndless. Dear mother of Judy Romano of Fenelon Falls, Susan Newton and her husband Mike of Ennismore, Sandra Birkenhead and her husband Harold of Peterborough, Kenneth Clement Jr. and his wife Carol of Brooklin. Loving Grandmother of Joan Romano (Aili), Dawn-Marie Gomme (Ray), Annette Simpson (Kyle), Robert Romano (Angela), Robert Simpson (Amy), Jocelyn Merriam (Jarret), Tanya Skinner (Jamie), Amanda Birkenhead, Katrina Newton, John Robert Birkenhead. Loving Great Grandmother of Stephanie, Emily & Ashley Romano, Justin, Jhaelyn & Kaitlyn Gomme, Grace & Devon McAlpine, Breanna & Brandon Romano, Jayden & Samantha Merriam, Jonathan, Emily and the late Garrett Skinner. A heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Sunny Crest Nursing Home. Rested at the ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME, 124 King Street East, Oshawa with funeral service in the Chapel on Saturday January 31, 2009 at 3 p.m. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Toronto Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated. Visitation was held on Friday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. For online condolences please go to www.armstrongfuneralhome.net

Alan Leslie Robertson Strath

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and dear friend of many, lost his battle with cancer on January 23rd, 2009, in his 73rd year.

Alan is survived by his wife of fifty three years, Sondra (Sunny), his children Deborah, Kimberly (Gerald), Douglas, Leslie, Steven and Scott, his brother Derek (Sharon), nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, four nieces and three nephews. He was predeceased by his parents John Hugh and Eleanor Blair, as well as his sister, Eleanor Anne.



Alan and Sunny lived most of their married life in Milton, Ontario, where Alan worked at Rockwell International. Upon retirement, they moved to their lakefront home near Haliburton, Ontario where Alan spent much of his time pursuing his passions for golf, mastering his computer and captaining his old pontoon boat around the lake to visit friends.

Alan was cremated in Toronto, and his family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to Sunnybrook's Dr. R. Nam and his oncology team, the doctors, nurses and staff at Sunnybrook and Haliburton Hospitals, as well as the members of Paramed, Access Centre, Community Care Haliburton, and The Canadian Cancer Society, all for their thoughtful care and compassion during Alan's illness. A special thanks to Lori Watkins-Charlton, Gerald Booth, Roberta Southcott Cargill for their unwavering support, hard work and kindness during this difficult time.

Alan will be sadly missed by his family (including Oscar & Felix), and his many friends.

Deaths

STINSON-BURCOMBE, Margaret Doreen (nee Creasor) - July 30 1914 to January 25 2009 - Surrounded by love at the Guelph General Hospital, Doreen Stinson-Burcombe of Guelph (formerly of Parry Sound, Hamilton, Burlington and Hall's Lake) in her 95th year. Dearest Mom of Rosemary and Bill Woods (Belwood) and (Rev.) Bonnie and George Holliday (Hamilton and Mount Forest). Special much-loved Gramma of Kyly Woods and partner Roger Miller (Calgary), Tristan Woods and partner Kayla Clements (Guelph), Scott and Michelle (Mahood) Holliday (Mount Forest) and Heather Holliday (Guelph). Second "mom" to Tom Montgomery (Kitchener). Predeceased by wonderful husband # 1 and dad Leonard Stinson of Burlington and Hall's Lake (1978) and wonderful husband # 2, step-dad and grampa Maurice Burcombe of Guelph (2005). Predeceased by all 11 siblings. Fondly remembered by sister-in-law Naomi Jotham (Guelph), many nieces and nephews and a wide circle of friends, young and old, lifelong and new. Doreen and husband Leonard operated Stinson's Store at Hall's Lake for many years. She was a constant volunteer - VON, Big Brothers, St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary and wherever she practiced her faith. Since 1979 she has been a member of St. James the Apostle Anglican Church. Active and keenly interested until the end, she will be missed for her prolific letter writing, her love of hats and anything pink. Her grandchildren were her precious treasures. Special thanks to Wellington Park Terrace staff and residents for a year of happy "retirement" and GGH 4th floor east staff for providing a compassionate final sendoff. Memorial service to be held at 2 pm, Saturday, February 7 at the **WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**, 206 Norfolk St., Guelph, (519-822-0051 or www.wallcustance.com). Visitation one hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. James, 86 Glasgow St. N., Guelph, N1H 4W2 or the Stanhope Museum, 1123 North Shore Rd., R. R. # 2 Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0. In celebration of Doreen take a moment to write a note to someone you love today. Remembered always with hugs and thanksgiving

In memoriam

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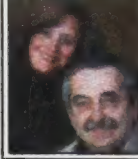
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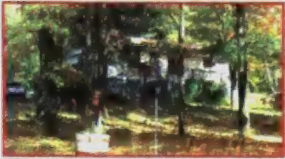
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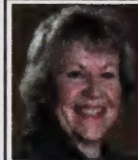
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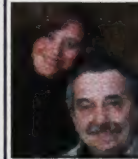
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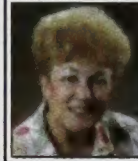
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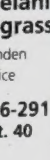
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